

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

JANUARY 22, 1861.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. SAULSBURY submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Pensions to whom was referred the petition of Joseph W. Knife, praying an increase of pension, beg leave to report:*

That they have had the same under consideration, and find the petitioner was a private soldier in the war of 1812, and that at the battle of Lundy's Lane he received a wound from a rifle or musket ball in the calf of his left leg, for which wound he is now in the receipt of a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month. He now prays an increase of fifty dollars per annum.

According to his petition he is now in the receipt of the highest rate of pension allowed to non-commissioned officers, musicians, or privates, for total disability, and except in extreme cases, where the pensioner is unable to help himself in the ordinary functions of life, the pension has not been increased.

Your committee therefore recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be denied.

